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1. ONE OFTEN-STAED GOAL OF THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT IS TO
EXPAND TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH NATIONS OF THE COMMUNIST
AND THIRD WORLD. THIS WEEK, WHILE PRIMIN ECEVIT HAS
BEEN IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK MENDING TURKEY'S TIES
WITH ITS TRADITIONAL ALLIES, THE ACCENT IN ANKARA HAS BEEN
ON EXPANDING TIES WITH NON-TRADITIONAL FRIENDS OF THE
COMMUNIST WORLD. FOR EXAMPLE:

A. AS REPORTED REF (A), PRESIDENT KORUTURK MAY 30 RECEIVED LETTER
OF CREDENCE OF THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR.

B. JUNE 1, THE MFA ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
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THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS "AT THE EMBASSY LEVEL" AS OF JUNE 7, 1978.

C. THE JUNE 2 ISSUE OF "MAOIST" DAILY AYDINLIK REPORTS THAT
CHINESE FONMIN HUANG HUA WILL VISIT TURKEY JUNE 11-15 AS GUEST OF
TURKISH FONMIN OKCUN. ACCORDING TO AYDINLIK THE VISIT IS IN
RESPONSE TO A VISIT TO CHINA IN 1974 BY THEN-FONMIN GUNES. MFA

OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HUA VISIT DURING ITS DAILY PRESS BRIEFING
JUNE 2.

D. AYDINLIK ALSO REPORTS JUNE 2 THAT THE TURKISH AND CAMBODIAN
AMBASSADORS IN PEKING ARE NEARING COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS
FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: THE COINCIDENCE OF THIS SURGE IN TURKEY'S
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WITH
ECEVIT'S VISIT TO THE US FOR THE NATO SUMMIT IS PROBABLY
NOT SIGNIFICANT, ALTHOUGH THE DECISIONS CONCERNING CUBA
AND VIETNAM COULD POSSIBLY BE TIMED TO PROTECT ECEVIT
AGAINST EXCESSIVE CRITICISM FROM THE LEFT WING OF HIS
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY. THE VISIT OF HUANG HUA, ON THE
OTHER HAND, COULD POSSIBLY BE RELATED TO ECEVIT'S SCHEDULED JUNE
21 VISIT TO MOSCOW. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT, IF ANYTHING,
THE RUMORED RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
CAMBODIA MIGHT MEAN. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THESE DEVELOP-
MENTS WITH MFA IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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